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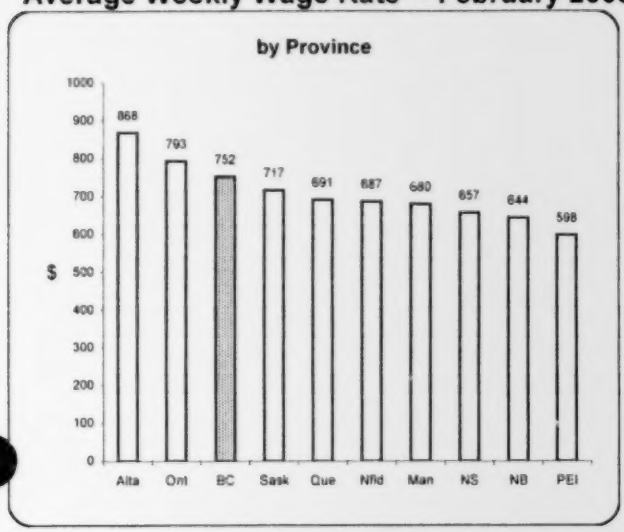

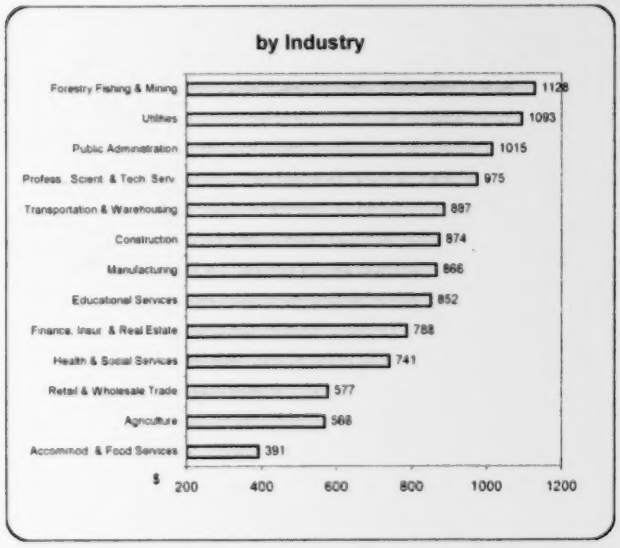

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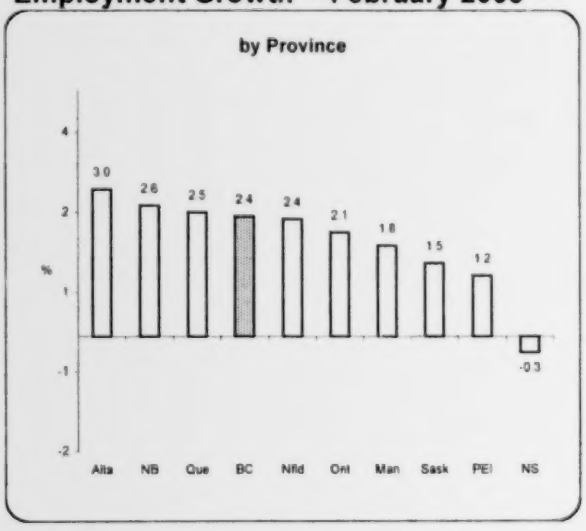

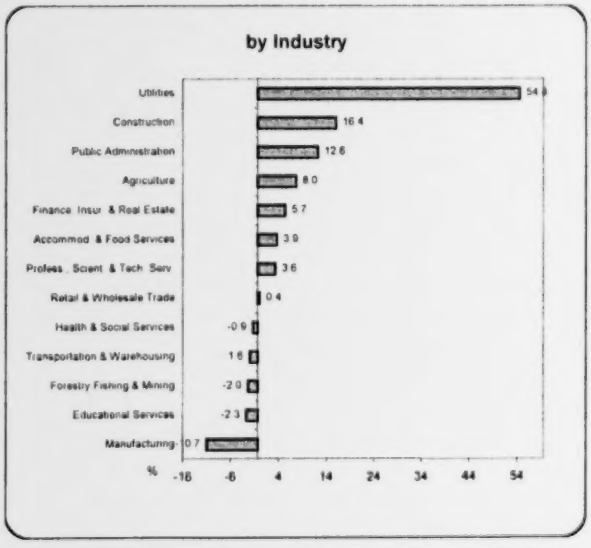

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Feature Article: Labour Market Conditions in Canada's Major Cities

Labour Market Conditions in Canada's Major Cities

Introduction

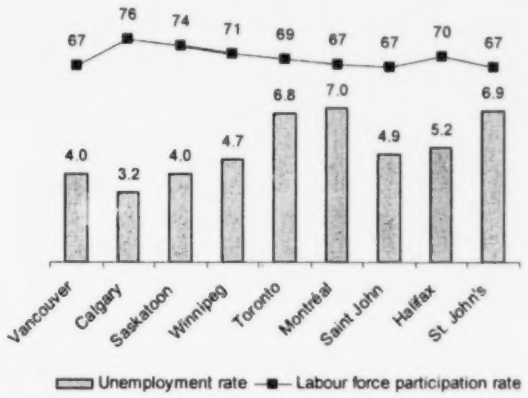
Since 2002, labour market conditions in Canada have tightened considerably. Employment growth has outpaced population growth, and despite an increase in the overall labour force participation rate, the unemployment rate has fallen steadily in each of the past five years. In 2007, Canada's unemployment rate was at its lowest point in over 30 years.

This article focuses on the current labour market conditions in Canada's major cities.[1] Major cities are defined as the city in each province with the largest job market.[2] The nine major cities presented in this article account for 44% of the Canadian population. In the past year, just over half (51%) of the total employment gains in Canada were concentrated in these major cities.

Current Labour Market Conditions

Labour market conditions vary widely across Canada's major cities. In the western cities, unemployment rates are relatively low and labour force participation rates (with the exception of British Columbia) are relatively high. For example, in Calgary, the unemployment rate in 2007 was only 3.2%, and the participation rate was 76%. The Maritime cities of Saint John and Halifax also had relatively low unemployment rates, at 4.9% and 5.2%, respectively. For comparison, the 2007 national average unemployment rate was 6.0%, and the national average participation rate was 68%.

Unemployment and participation rates vary widely across Canada's major cities



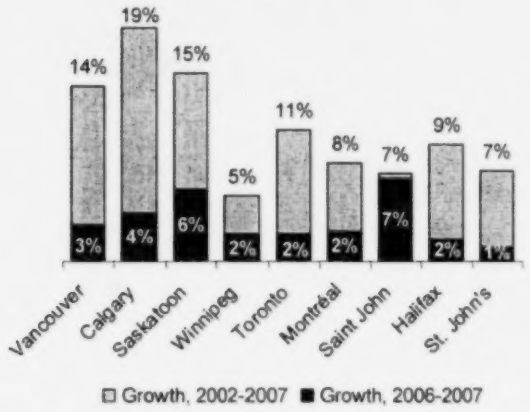
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada

Recent Pressures and Changing Conditions

In the past year, all major cities experienced gains in employment. Saint John (7%) and Saskatoon (6%) experienced the largest growth in employment, while Calgary (4%) and Vancouver (3%) also experienced significant gains. In the past five years, every major city had employment growth of at least 5%, with Calgary (19%), Saskatoon (15%), and Vancouver (14%) leading the way. At the national level, employment has grown by 2% in the past year, and 10% over the past five years.

[1] Cities are defined as the Census Metropolitan Areas (CMA's) which comprise the main city plus surrounding areas.
[2] Charlottetown, PEI is not included because it is relatively small.

Employment growth has been strong in every major Canadian city



Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada

With the exception of Toronto, employment growth has outpaced population growth in every major city over the past five years. In Toronto, population and employment grew at the same pace.

Despite this increased pressure on labour markets, labour force participation rates have remained relatively steady (changing by less than 1 percentage point since 2002) in all but one of Canada's major cities. The exception to this is Saskatoon, where the labour force participation rate increased by 5 percentage points between 2002 and 2007, and increased by 3 percentage points in the last year alone. Saint John also appears to be responding to recent labour market pressures with increased labour force participation; the participation rate in Saint John increased by 3 percentage points between 2006 and 2007.

Labour force participation rates have remained relatively steady in most major cities

City	5 Year Change	1 Year Change
Vancouver	-0.1	0.4
Calgary	0.2	-0.2
Saskatoon	4.9	2.8
Winnipeg	0.2	1.0
Toronto	-0.7	0.5
Montréal	0.1	-0.1
Saint John	0.6	3.1
Halifax	0.9	0.9
St. John's	-0.1	-0.3

Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada

As a result of the factors described so far, the unemployment rates in most of Canada's major cities have been falling. In the past five years, the unemployment rate in every major city has fallen, although some cities have experienced more notable declines than others. Vancouver has experienced the largest percentage point decrease, falling from 7.7% in 2002 to 4.0% in 2007. Winnipeg and Toronto experienced the most modest declines in their unemployment rates, falling by only 0.6 percentages points over the last five years.

Between 2006 and 2007, Montréal, Saint John, and Saint John's were the only cities to record significant declines in their unemployment rates. Vancouver and Saskatoon experienced modest declines in their unemployment rates, while unemployment rates in other cities remained stable or increased slightly.

Between 2002 and 2007, unemployment rates fell in every major city

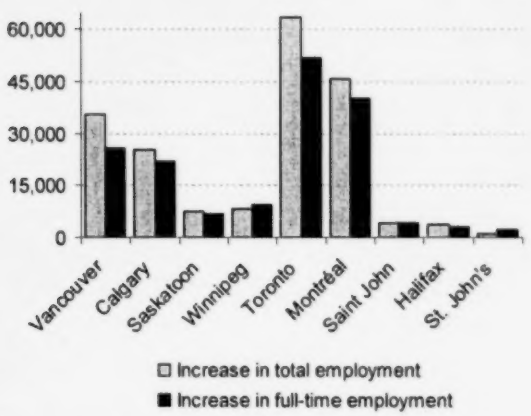
City	5 Year Change	1 Year Change
Vancouver	-3.7	-0.4
Calgary	-2.5	0.0
Saskatoon	-2.1	-0.4
Winnipeg	-0.6	0.1
Toronto	-0.6	0.2
Montréal	-1.6	-1.4
Saint John	-3.4	-1.2
Halifax	-2.4	0.2
St. John's	-2.3	-1.2

Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada

Sources of Employment Growth in 2007

In the past year, most of the jobs created in Canada's major cities were full-time, not part-time. In every major city, increases in full-time employment represented most or all of the total gain in employment overall. Part-time employment experienced small gains in most cities, but actually declined in Saint John (-100 jobs), Winnipeg (-1,000 jobs), and Saint John's (-1,200 jobs). The decline in part-time employment in Saint John's was significant, given the size of the overall labour market in this city (94,500 employed).

In 2007, the vast majority of employment growth was in full-time employment

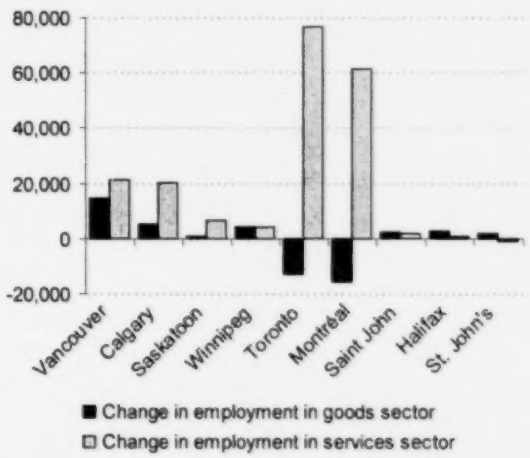


Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada

Nationwide, 98% of all jobs created in 2007 were in the services-producing sector, while the goods-producing sector accounted for only 2% of the total employment increase. However, industry gains in employment were very different across Canada's major cities.

In Vancouver, Winnipeg, and Saint John, employment gains in 2007 were spread somewhat evenly across the goods-producing and service-producing sectors. Calgary and Saskatoon resembled the national economy, with almost all gains in the services sector, and only minor gains in the goods sector. Toronto and Montreal also experienced large gains their service industries, but actually saw small declines in their goods industries. In contrast, in Halifax, the goods-producing sector accounted for almost all of the total employment increase, with only a small gain in the services-producing sector. And finally, in St. John's, the goods producing sector experienced large employment increases, while the services-producing sector experienced relatively large losses.

Nationwide, most new jobs were created in 2007 were in the services-producing sector



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1 ***SUMMARY TRENDS***

	Consumer Price Index			Average Weekly Wage Rate						Employment Growth			Unemployment Rate		
				Current Dollars			Constant Dollars			Seasonally Adjusted			Seasonally Adjusted		
	BC	Canada	U.S.A.	BC	Canada	U.S.A.	BC	Canada	U.S.A.	BC	Canada	U.S.A.	BC	Canada	U.S.A.
	% Change			% Change			% Change			% Change			(%)		
1998	0.3	1.0	1.6			3.9			2.3	-0.1	2.5	1.5	8.8	8.3	4.5
1999	1.1	1.8	2.2			3.3			1.0	1.9	2.6	1.5	8.3	7.6	4.2
2000	1.8	2.7	3.4	1.7	3.2	3.9	-0.1	0.5	0.5	1.9	2.5	2.5	7.1	6.8	4.0
2001	1.7	2.5	2.8	1.4	3.2	2.7	-0.3	0.7	-0.2	-0.5	1.2	0.0	7.7	7.2	4.7
2002	2.4	2.2	1.6	3.1	2.2	2.6	0.7	0.0	1.0	2.3	2.4	-0.3	8.5	7.7	5.8
2003	2.2	2.8	2.3	2.3	1.9	2.2	0.1	-0.9	0.0	2.5	2.4	0.9	8.0	7.6	6.0
2004	2.0	1.8	2.7	0.4	2.6	2.1	-1.5	0.8	-0.5	2.4	1.8	1.1	7.2	7.2	5.5
2005	2.0	2.2	3.4	2.6	3.5	2.9	0.6	1.2	-0.5	3.3	1.4	1.8	5.9	6.8	5.1
2006	1.7	2.0	3.2	3.1	3.5	4.3	1.3	1.5	1.1	3.1	1.9	1.9	4.8	6.3	4.6
2007	1.8	2.2	2.9	3.0	3.2	3.9	1.2	1.0	1.0	3.2	2.3	1.1	4.2	6.0	4.6
2007 Jan	2.3	1.1	2.1	3.2	1.9	2.6	0.9	0.8	0.5	4.2	2.6	2.0	4.3	6.2	4.6
Feb	2.2	2.0	2.4	3.7	2.5	3.7	1.4	0.5	1.3	3.6	2.4	1.8	4.0	6.1	4.5
Mar	2.1	2.3	2.8	3.5	1.9	4.4	1.3	-0.4	1.6	3.7	2.5	1.8	3.9	6.1	4.4
Apr	1.9	2.2	2.6	3.8	2.3	3.8	1.8	0.1	1.2	2.6	2.2	1.3	4.5	6.2	4.5
May	1.7	2.2	2.7	2.7	2.5	4.1	1.1	0.3	1.4	3.2	1.8	1.3	4.3	6.0	4.5
Jun	1.5	2.2	2.7	2.4	3.2	4.1	0.9	1.0	1.4	3.1	2.1	1.2	4.4	6.1	4.6
Jul	1.6	2.2	2.4	3.2	3.4	4.1	1.6	1.2	1.7	2.7	2.1	1.2	4.2	6.0	4.7
Aug	1.3	1.7	2.0	3.9	3.7	3.8	2.6	1.9	1.8	3.1	2.3	0.7	4.0	6.0	4.7
Sep	1.9	2.5	2.8	3.4	4.1	5.2	1.4	1.6	2.4	2.8	2.5	1.0	4.4	5.9	4.7
Oct	1.6	2.4	3.5	2.2	4.1	2.2	0.6	1.7	-1.3	2.5	2.6	0.4	4.4	5.8	4.8
Nov	1.3	2.5	4.3	1.9	4.1	3.5	0.6	1.6	-0.8	4.0	2.6	0.7	4.2	5.9	4.7
Dec	1.2	2.4	4.1	2.2	4.9	4.7	1.0	2.4	0.6	3.1	2.2	0.2	4.2	6.0	5.0
2008 Jan	0.8	2.2	0.0	3.8	5.1	0.0	3.0	2.9	0.0	2.4	2.0	0.0	4.1	5.8	4.6
Feb	-	-	-	3.1	5.0	-	-	-	-	2.3	2.2	-	4.1	5.8	-
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2.1 PROVINCIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE RATE

	Canada		BC		Alberta		Sask		Manitoba		Ontario		Quebec		NB		NS		PEI		Nfld	
	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg
1998	581.38		621.21		574.30		510.88		517.48		612.18		557.54		497.82		494.58		447.28		492.94	
1999	597.08		628.82		594.57		526.79		532.50		634.16		566.69		506.47		504.77		463.69		496.99	
2000	616.02	3.2	639.37	1.7	617.23	3.8	545.87	3.6	551.82	3.6	656.96	3.6	579.75	2.3	533.68	5.4	523.89	3.8	473.88	2.2	525.69	5.8
2001	635.75	3.2	648.19	1.4	653.69	5.9	571.73	4.7	562.32	1.9	678.51	3.3	596.38	2.9	537.56	0.7	543.33	3.7	496.19	4.7	549.60	4.5
2002	649.94	2.2	668.04	3.1	684.20	4.7	585.61	2.4	574.53	2.2	689.97	1.7	606.22	1.6	546.18	1.6	558.11	2.7	508.69	2.5	567.69	3.3
2003	662.44	1.9	683.68	2.3	688.04	0.6	604.82	3.3	588.61	2.5	701.35	1.6	619.30	2.2	561.46	2.8	574.14	2.9	538.53	5.9	588.26	3.6
2004	679.83	2.6	686.74	0.4	703.63	2.3	627.34	3.7	612.04	4.0	721.00	2.8	641.46	3.6	574.18	2.3	588.07	2.4	562.57	4.5	587.82	-0.1
2005	703.35	3.5	704.49	2.6	757.32	7.6	643.13	2.5	625.21	2.2	744.94	3.3	656.66	2.4	591.28	3.0	607.46	3.3	560.82	-0.3	615.82	4.8
2006	727.78	3.5	726.02	3.1	814.24	7.5	676.82	5.2	641.38	2.6	767.14	3.0	672.03	2.3	610.85	3.3	618.60	1.8	580.76	3.6	642.91	4.4
2007	751.28	3.2	747.84	3.0	859.94	5.6	708.62	4.7	674.06	5.1	786.24	2.5	687.26	2.3	639.06	4.6	653.65	5.7	596.00	2.6	675.02	5.0
2007 Jan	732.40	1.9	743.37	3.2	831.66	3.8	697.74	5.2	661.84	4.8	761.58	1.0	670.08	0.3	619.70	3.0	644.89	4.1	594.99	5.5	647.36	1.2
Feb	733.94	2.5	743.33	3.7	838.95	6.3	693.37	3.4	657.80	4.6	764.26	1.1	670.33	1.4	631.09	5.8	635.06	3.7	600.60	5.8	638.42	-0.8
Mar	735.11	1.9	743.18	3.5	839.89	5.8	680.34	1.1	655.52	3.6	767.19	0.7	671.08	0.3	634.12	3.9	645.30	4.7	590.76	0.8	640.77	-0.8
Apr	740.73	2.3	748.06	3.8	842.16	4.6	684.16	2.7	660.85	3.2	772.39	0.8	679.71	2.0	638.15	6.1	652.03	5.7	596.79	1.7	663.90	2.7
May	743.89	2.5	741.59	2.7	842.16	4.0	691.24	3.3	667.17	3.4	777.97	1.8	685.66	1.7	640.64	7.4	654.54	6.3	600.46	3.0	665.00	2.2
Jun	749.92	3.2	740.27	2.4	850.59	4.9	691.09	3.8	674.53	4.9	788.38	2.6	690.70	2.6	646.41	8.0	653.20	7.4	599.63	4.8	662.33	2.6
Jul	754.33	3.4	744.19	3.2	864.61	5.8	701.69	4.6	679.11	5.9	791.71	2.5	695.23	2.7	637.74	5.1	645.19	5.5	572.97	0.8	663.64	7.4
Aug	761.97	3.7	756.53	3.9	872.01	4.6	719.25	6.1	686.43	7.0	801.30	3.6	695.09	1.9	636.41	2.5	656.55	7.0	579.05	1.8	675.96	6.8
Sep	766.03	4.1	754.74	3.4	880.11	6.2	734.28	6.5	684.80	5.4	805.09	3.7	698.41	3.0	640.61	2.3	662.71	5.6	591.35	2.3	697.96	6.7
Oct	763.91	4.1	748.87	2.2	871.28	6.8	733.62	6.4	686.27	6.0	803.41	3.7	698.06	3.5	650.61	3.8	658.57	5.4	600.99	0.2	705.62	7.0
Nov	764.36	4.1	753.78	1.9	890.34	7.5	735.03	6.0	690.01	6.5	797.72	3.3	695.50	3.6	644.31	3.2	665.89	6.7	607.36	0.2	715.55	11.6
Dec	766.72	4.9	755.66	2.2	892.81	7.2	739.89	6.9	683.26	5.8	801.47	4.9	695.06	4.1	646.50	4.1	668.52	5.5	621.72	5.3	717.67	12.2
2008 Jan	770.02	5.1	771.68	3.8	888.68	6.9	748.18	7.2	689.24	4.1	804.75	5.7	695.34	3.8	658.95	6.3	655.28	1.6	610.63	2.6	705.63	9.0
Feb	770.29	5.0	766.55	3.1	884.35	5.4	739.37	6.6	701.85	6.7	806.20	5.5	696.64	3.9	658.54	4.3	665.20	4.7	609.32	1.5	725.89	13.7
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Jan-Feb07	733.17		743.35		835.31		695.56		659.82		762.92		670.21		625.40		639.98		597.80		642.89	
Jan-Feb08	770.16		769.12		886.52		743.78		695.55		805.48		695.99		658.75		660.24		609.98		715.76	
% Change	5.0		3.5		6.1		6.9		5.4		5.6		3.8		5.3		3.2		2.0		11.3	

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2.2 PROVINCIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE HOURLY WAGE RATE

	Canada		BC		Alberta		Sask		Manitoba		Ontario		Quebec		NB		NS		PEI		Nfld	
	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg
1998	15.78		17.17		15.15		13.76		14.04		16.48		15.49		13.12		13.20		11.94		13.05	
1999	16.17		17.34		15.76		14.21		14.48		17.00		15.72		13.34		13.45		12.28		13.06	
2000	16.66	3.0	17.64	1.7	16.29	3.4	14.73	3.7	14.98	3.5	17.59	3.5	16.07	2.2	14.01	5.0	14.01	4.2	12.63	2.9	13.74	5.2
2001	17.22	3.4	17.98	1.9	17.13	5.2	15.35	4.2	15.34	2.4	18.17	3.3	16.63	3.5	14.20	1.4	14.53	3.7	13.22	4.7	14.32	4.2
2002	17.66	2.6	18.59	3.4	17.99	5.0	15.83	3.1	15.72	2.5	18.54	2.0	16.97	2.0	14.45	1.8	14.81	1.9	13.61	3.0	14.88	3.9
2003	18.04	2.2	19.02	2.3	18.13	0.8	16.42	3.7	16.06	2.2	18.88	1.8	17.42	2.7	14.80	2.4	15.42	4.1	14.52	6.7	15.46	3.9
2004	18.50	2.5	18.99	-0.2	18.54	2.3	16.94	3.2	16.74	4.2	19.43	2.9	17.99	3.3	15.21	2.8	15.79	2.4	15.09	3.9	15.44	-0.1
2005	19.09	3.2	19.36	1.9	19.76	6.6	17.28	2.0	17.17	2.6	20.06	3.2	18.43	2.4	15.63	2.8	16.24	2.8	15.15	0.4	16.09	4.2
2006	19.72	3.3	19.91	2.8	21.12	6.9	18.11	4.8	17.55	2.2	20.65	2.9	18.87	2.4	16.21	3.7	16.65	2.5	15.48	2.2	16.60	3.2
2007	20.41	3.5	20.49	2.9	22.40	6.1	19.00	4.9	18.42	5.0	21.27	3.0	19.35	2.5	16.93	4.4	17.53	5.3	15.97	3.2	17.46	5.2
2007 Jan	20.10	2.2	20.54	3.4	21.73	4.1	18.78	3.8	18.26	4.4	20.83	1.4	19.11	1.2	16.65	2.9	17.30	3.5	16.38	5.9	17.17	1.2
Feb	20.15	2.8	20.57	3.8	21.86	6.1	18.77	3.6	18.20	5.0	20.89	1.5	19.14	2.0	16.97	4.5	17.14	2.4	16.60	6.3	17.22	-0.1
Mar	20.14	2.2	20.41	3.6	21.94	5.7	18.58	2.5	18.18	3.9	20.92	1.2	19.12	0.7	17.01	4.0	17.28	3.1	16.31	1.9	17.16	0.1
Apr	20.26	2.9	20.56	4.0	22.14	5.1	18.62	4.3	18.25	4.3	21.01	1.7	19.27	2.3	17.10	5.7	17.57	5.4	16.39	2.8	17.43	3.1
May	20.19	3.0	20.36	3.6	21.97	4.9	18.56	3.6	18.34	5.0	21.02	2.5	19.22	1.7	16.99	7.3	17.38	5.5	15.88	4.6	17.32	4.1
Jun	20.25	3.5	20.29	2.8	22.03	5.2	18.56	4.3	18.40	5.7	21.21	3.4	19.22	2.5	16.99	7.6	17.38	6.3	15.68	5.6	16.89	3.6
Jul	20.20	3.7	20.24	3.2	22.19	6.3	18.61	5.6	18.23	5.8	21.10	3.0	19.23	3.1	16.63	5.1	17.14	5.7	15.02	2.1	16.76	6.5
Aug	20.36	4.0	20.37	3.3	22.33	5.3	18.87	6.5	18.39	6.4	21.39	4.2	19.20	2.4	16.58	2.5	17.29	6.0	15.07	2.4	16.91	6.4
Sep	20.71	4.2	20.57	2.9	22.91	6.0	19.48	6.2	18.63	4.5	21.62	4.0	19.62	3.4	16.83	2.2	17.94	6.5	15.55	1.4	17.63	6.3
Oct	20.74	4.1	20.49	1.8	22.81	7.1	19.64	6.2	18.65	4.8	21.70	3.8	19.63	3.6	17.10	3.7	17.87	5.7	15.90	0.1	18.15	8.4
Nov	20.86	4.2	20.65	0.6	23.32	8.0	19.65	5.5	18.85	5.4	21.69	4.0	19.72	3.7	17.12	3.4	18.02	6.3	16.47	1.2	18.37	9.9
Dec	20.93	4.9	20.77	1.9	23.52	8.8	19.85	6.3	18.64	4.0	21.76	4.9	19.68	3.9	17.21	3.9	18.10	6.9	16.83	4.1	18.64	11.6
2008 Jan	21.09	4.9	21.31	3.7	23.42	7.8	19.97	6.3	18.88	3.4	21.98	5.5	19.67	2.9	17.59	5.6	17.89	3.4	16.71	2.0	18.77	9.3
Feb	21.14	4.9	21.27	3.4	23.32	6.7	19.88	5.9	19.31	6.1	22.02	5.4	19.77	3.3	17.65	4.0	18.19	6.1	16.69	0.5	19.07	10.7
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Jan-Feb07	20.13		20.56		21.80		18.78		18.23		20.86		19.13		16.81		17.22		16.49		17.20	
Jan-Feb08	21.12		21.29		23.37		19.93		19.10		22.00		19.72		17.62		18.04		16.70		18.92	
% Change	4.9		3.6		7.2		6.1		4.7		5.5		3.1		4.8		4.8		1.3		10.0	

Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

Produced by: BC STATS

Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

2.3 PROVINCIAL COMPARISON - EMPLOYMENT (Actual)

	Canada		BC		Alberta		Sask		Manitoba		Ontario		Quebec		NB		NS		PEI		Nfld	
	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg
1998	14,046.2		1,858.4		1,509.9		470.5		534.2		5,453.3		3,257.5		315.2		395.3		59.6		192.4	
1999	14,406.7	2.6	1,894.4	1.9	1,544.0	2.3	471.6	0.2	541.4	1.3	5,636.7	3.4	3,328.1	2.2	325.5	3.3	404.0	2.2	60.2	1.0	201.0	4.5
2000	14,764.2	2.5	1,931.3	1.9	1,584.0	2.6	473.5	0.4	552.3	2.0	5,817.1	3.2	3,402.8	2.2	331.2	1.8	411.4	1.8	62.7	4.2	198.0	-1.5
2001	14,946.2	1.2	1,921.6	-0.5	1,630.9	3.0	460.3	-2.8	554.3	0.4	5,926.2	1.9	3,440.2	1.1	330.1	-0.3	415.2	0.9	63.6	1.4	203.8	2.9
2002	15,310.4	2.4	1,965.0	2.3	1,670.8	2.4	468.3	1.7	567.2	2.3	6,031.4	1.8	3,569.9	3.8	343.1	3.9	422.9	1.9	64.7	1.7	207.2	1.7
2003	15,672.3	2.4	2,014.7	2.5	1,716.7	2.7	476.1	1.7	570.3	0.5	6,213.2	3.0	3,628.8	1.6	343.1	0.0	431.2	2.0	66.1	2.2	212.3	2.5
2004	15,947.0	1.8	2,062.7	2.4	1,757.5	2.4	479.7	0.8	576.6	1.1	6,316.5	1.7	3,680.5	1.4	350.1	2.0	442.2	2.6	66.9	1.2	214.3	0.9
2005	16,169.7	1.4	2,130.5	3.3	1,784.4	1.5	483.5	0.8	580.3	0.6	6,397.7	1.3	3,717.3	1.0	350.5	0.1	443.1	0.2	68.2	1.9	214.1	-0.1
2006	16,484.3	1.9	2,195.5	3.1	1,870.7	4.8	491.6	1.7	587.0	1.2	6,492.7	1.5	3,765.4	1.3	355.4	1.4	441.8	-0.3	68.6	0.6	215.7	0.7
2007	16,866.4	2.3	2,266.3	3.2	1,959.4	4.7	501.8	2.1	596.5	1.6	6,593.8	1.6	3,851.7	2.3	362.8	2.1	447.6	1.3	69.3	1.0	217.1	0.6
2007 Jan	16,364.9	2.6	2,213.4	4.3	1,901.9	6.8	493.4	4.8	579.8	1.0	6,437.2	1.6	3,701.1	1.7	342.4	-0.1	432.4	1.7	64.8	2.9	198.6	2.4
Feb	16,439.5	2.5	2,221.2	3.7	1,916.7	5.7	492.5	4.4	582.6	0.9	6,460.0	1.9	3,720.3	1.4	344.7	0.7	433.6	2.3	64.8	1.9	203.0	1.6
Mar	16,512.5	2.5	2,245.8	3.7	1,921.3	5.3	494.7	4.3	585.8	2.0	6,463.8	1.6	3,753.5	2.1	345.2	0.5	433.2	1.0	65.4	3.5	203.6	2.6
Apr	16,575.7	2.3	2,225.9	2.6	1,927.9	5.8	494.4	3.0	587.0	0.8	6,489.2	1.1	3,785.4	3.0	349.9	1.3	442.5	1.4	65.8	1.5	207.7	2.5
May	16,963.9	1.7	2,274.6	3.3	1,964.0	3.4	509.0	2.6	604.5	1.3	6,634.0	0.8	3,862.0	1.9	367.3	0.6	454.6	0.6	71.8	-1.2	222.2	1.0
Jun	17,195.5	2.0	2,294.9	3.1	1,995.2	4.5	509.9	1.3	608.2	1.5	6,685.9	0.9	3,954.6	2.5	382.8	2.5	458.9	1.2	74.4	0.1	230.6	-0.1
Jul	17,214.7	2.1	2,287.6	2.7	2,000.4	5.4	508.6	0.8	603.1	1.7	6,688.3	1.2	3,978.8	2.3	380.1	1.9	457.6	1.0	73.6	0.1	236.5	-0.3
Aug	17,173.5	2.3	2,291.3	3.1	1,995.0	4.7	504.5	0.6	603.3	1.4	6,699.2	1.5	3,938.8	2.5	378.8	3.3	456.6	0.7	75.1	0.8	230.9	0.3
Sep	16,965.2	2.4	2,272.4	2.8	1,974.0	4.7	504.4	1.1	599.4	1.6	6,603.6	2.0	3,897.5	2.3	369.5	3.5	448.1	1.1	71.8	0.8	224.4	-0.4
Oct	17,051.9	2.6	2,283.9	2.5	1,971.9	3.7	504.5	0.6	604.2	2.4	6,681.2	2.7	3,895.1	2.4	365.6	2.8	454.0	2.0	71.5	3.3	219.8	-0.7
Nov	17,009.9	2.6	2,297.8	4.0	1,962.7	2.8	505.9	1.6	603.9	3.0	6,656.9	2.1	3,885.4	2.9	366.8	4.6	448.4	1.2	66.7	-1.0	215.3	-0.4
Dec	16,929.8	2.1	2,287.3	3.1	1,982.3	4.4	499.1	0.4	595.9	1.8	6,626.0	1.3	3,848.0	2.4	360.6	3.3	451.1	1.5	66.4	0.6	213.0	0.5
2008 Jan	16,710.8	2.1	2,274.3	2.8	1,970.6	3.6	496.0	0.5	591.7	2.1	6,533.8	1.5	3,785.9	2.3	350.1	2.2	436.8	1.0	65.2	0.6	206.5	4.0
Feb	16,810.5	2.3	2,275.1	2.4	1,973.6	3.0	499.8	1.5	593.3	1.8	6,595.7	2.1	3,813.6	2.5	353.8	2.6	432.2	-0.3	65.6	1.2	207.8	2.4
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Jan-Feb07	16,402.2		2,217.3		1,909.3		493.0		581.2		6,448.6		3,710.7		343.6		433.0		64.8		200.8	
Jan-Feb08	16,760.7		2,274.7		1,972.1		497.9		592.5		6,564.8		3,799.8		352.0		434.5		65.4		207.2	
% Change	2.2		2.6		3.3		1.0		1.9		1.8		2.4		2.4		0.3		0.9		3.2	

Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

Produced by: BC STATS

Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

2.4 PROVINCIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS WORKED*

	Canada		BC		Alberta		Sask		Manitoba		Ontario		Quebec		NB		NS		PEI		Nfld	
	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg
1998	33.9		32.5		34.8		35.0		34.3		34.5		33.1		34.9		34.0		34.8		34.0	
1999	34.2	0.9	32.5	0.0	35.0	0.6	34.9	-0.3	34.2	-0.3	34.6	0.3	34.0	2.7	35.0	0.3	34.1	0.3	35.0	0.6	34.9	2.6
2000	34.5	0.9	33.2	2.2	35.7	2.0	35.2	0.9	34.5	0.9	34.7	0.3	33.8	-0.6	35.5	1.4	34.2	0.3	35.4	1.1	35.0	0.3
2001	33.8	-2.0	32.2	-3.0	35.7	0.0	34.7	-1.4	34.0	-1.4	34.2	-1.4	32.7	-3.3	34.7	-2.3	33.8	-1.2	35.1	-0.8	34.5	-1.4
2002	33.5	-0.9	32.0	-0.6	34.9	-2.2	34.1	-1.7	33.3	-2.1	34.0	-0.6	32.6	-0.3	34.6	-0.3	33.4	-1.2	34.5	-1.7	34.2	-0.9
2003	32.9	-1.8	31.8	-0.6	34.7	-0.6	33.7	-1.2	33.3	0.0	33.2	-2.4	31.9	-2.1	34.1	-1.4	32.9	-1.5	33.9	-1.7	33.3	-2.6
2004	33.3	1.2	32.3	1.6	34.9	0.6	33.8	0.3	33.3	0.0	33.7	1.5	32.3	1.3	33.8	-0.9	32.1	-2.4	33.0	-2.7	33.4	0.3
2005	33.5	0.6	32.6	0.9	35.5	1.7	34.4	1.8	33.4	0.3	33.8	0.3	32.5	0.6	34.2	1.2	33.1	3.1	33.8	2.4	34.1	2.1
2006	33.3	-0.6	32.5	-0.3	35.4	-0.3	34.5	0.3	33.4	0.0	33.4	-1.2	32.0	-1.5	34.3	0.3	32.9	-0.6	34.4	1.8	34.5	1.2
2007	33.3	0.0	32.9	1.2	35.8	1.1	34.8	0.9	33.8	1.2	33.5	0.3	31.6	-1.3	34.2	-0.3	33.3	1.2	33.8	-1.7	34.7	0.6
2007 Jan	33.6	-2.0	33.2	-1.8	36.2	-1.4	34.4	0.3	33.6	0.3	33.9	-1.7	32.0	-3.3	34.0	-1.4	33.6	0.0	33.0	-0.3	33.8	-0.3
Feb	33.3	-1.2	33.2	0.0	35.9	0.3	32.1	0.6	33.0	-0.9	33.4	-2.3	31.9	-2.1	34.0	0.0	33.2	0.6	32.1	-3.0	33.1	-3.2
Mar	32.7	-0.9	33.0	5.1	36.3	-0.3	34.6	-0.6	33.7	-2.3	31.7	-1.6	32.2	-2.7	34.3	-0.6	30.5	0.7	31.8	-5.1	33.6	-2.6
Apr	34.3	12.5	34.0	13.7	35.6	9.9	35.5	13.1	34.8	13.7	34.9	15.2	32.5	7.6	34.6	11.3	33.9	12.6	33.0	12.2	34.1	10.7
May	34.6	-0.3	33.8	0.0	35.8	-1.1	37.1	-1.9	34.5	-2.8	34.7	-0.9	33.7	1.2	35.4	-1.7	35.1	0.9	36.1	-5.7	35.5	-3.5
Jun	34.9	-0.3	33.8	-0.3	36.7	0.8	36.3	0.3	35.4	0.3	35.2	-0.6	33.5	-0.3	35.7	-0.6	35.3	2.9	37.6	-1.3	36.8	-3.2
Jul	31.1	-3.4	32.0	0.6	34.3	-1.2	33.6	0.3	32.0	0.6	32.6	0.0	25.6	-15.2	32.9	-2.1	32.3	-1.5	33.4	-1.8	35.3	0.3
Aug	31.7	-0.3	31.3	0.6	34.8	3.3	34.0	-2.0	32.4	0.3	32.1	-0.3	29.4	-1.7	32.0	-2.7	31.6	-0.6	33.1	-4.3	33.0	2.2
Sep	34.6	0.0	33.7	-0.9	37.0	1.9	37.2	2.5	35.5	1.4	34.8	-0.3	33.2	0.0	35.5	-2.2	34.4	-1.1	35.8	-1.6	36.4	3.1
Oct	30.7	0.0	30.7	0.0	33.5	1.5	32.6	0.9	31.0	1.3	30.4	-0.7	29.1	0.0	32.0	-1.2	31.1	1.0	32.4	-0.9	32.7	0.6
Nov	34.2	0.0	32.9	-1.8	36.9	1.7	35.2	1.4	34.6	2.1	34.4	-0.6	33.0	0.3	35.0	0.0	34.2	0.6	33.7	-3.2	35.9	3.2
Dec	34.2	-0.3	33.5	0.3	36.3	-1.6	35.4	0.0	34.7	1.8	34.5	0.6	32.9	-1.5	34.7	-1.7	34.4	-0.9	33.1	-2.4	35.6	-0.6
2008 Jan	33.8	0.6	33.0	-0.6	35.7	-1.4	34.2	-0.6	34.2	1.8	34.1	0.6	32.6	1.9	34.4	1.2	33.7	0.3	32.6	-1.2	34.3	1.5
Feb	33.5	0.6	32.9	-0.9	35.3	-1.7	33.5	4.4	32.9	-0.3	33.5	0.3	32.8	2.8	33.4	-1.8	33.3	0.3	32.1	0.0	35.0	5.7
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Jan-Feb07	33.5		33.2		36.1		33.3		33.3		33.7		32.0		34.0		33.4		32.6		33.5	
Jan-Feb08	33.7		33.0		35.5		33.9		33.6		33.8		32.7		33.9		33.5		32.4		34.7	
% Change	0.6		-0.8		-1.5		1.8		0.8		0.4		2.3		-0.3		0.3		-0.6		3.6	

* Average Actual Hours, Alll Workers, Main Job / Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

Produced by: BC STATS

Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

3.1 B.C. SECTOR COMPARISON - EARNINGS AND EMPLOYMENT TRENDS

		Average Weekly Wage rate				Average Hourly Wage Rate				Employment (Actual)				Average Weekly Hours Worked*			
		Goods Industries		Service Industries		Goods Industries		Service Industries		Goods Industries		Service Industries		Goods Industries		Service Industries	
		$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg
	1998	754.02		584.04		18.99		16.66		408.5		1,449.9		36.0		31.5	
	1999	763.14		594.48		19.20		16.86		393.8	-3.6	1,500.5	3.5	36.2	0.6	31.5	0.0
	2000	764.48	0.2	607.09	2.1	19.26	0.3	17.23	2.2	406.3	3.2	1,525.0	1.6	36.9	1.9	32.3	2.5
	2001	780.91	2.1	616.03	1.5	19.60	1.8	17.59	2.1	382.3	-5.9	1,539.3	0.9	36.3	-1.6	31.2	-3.4
	2002	787.66	0.9	638.67	3.7	19.91	1.6	18.27	3.9	392.2	2.6	1,572.8	2.2	35.8	-1.4	31.0	-0.6
	2003	809.71	2.8	651.68	2.0	20.47	2.8	18.66	2.1	416.4	6.2	1,598.3	1.6	35.6	-0.6	30.8	-0.6
	2004	793.81	-2.0	658.93	1.1	19.94	-2.6	18.74	0.4	436.9	4.9	1,625.8	1.7	36.3	2.0	31.2	1.3
	2005	807.50	1.7	678.52	3.0	20.20	1.3	19.15	2.2	452.7	3.6	1,677.8	3.2	36.7	1.1	31.5	1.0
	2006	836.11	3.5	698.28	2.9	20.87	3.3	19.67	2.7	463.9	2.5	1,731.6	3.2	36.5	-0.5	31.5	0.0
	2007	881.25	5.4	712.93	2.1	21.92	5.0	20.11	2.2	495.7	6.9	1,770.6	2.3	37.0	1.4	31.8	1.0
2007	Jan	861.31	3.1	712.85	2.8	21.41	2.1	20.32	3.7	474.3	12.5	1,739.1	2.2	36.0	-3.0	32.4	-1.8
	Feb	873.42	5.4	710.97	3.0	21.77	4.0	20.28	3.7	467.1	5.6	1,754.1	3.2	37.8	3.6	32.0	-1.2
	Mar	874.10	5.6	709.98	2.7	21.65	3.4	20.10	3.6	482.6	6.2	1,763.2	3.1	37.0	1.1	31.9	6.3
	Apr	865.93	5.5	717.00	2.9	21.54	4.1	20.30	3.8	485.6	8.0	1,740.3	1.2	37.9	16.3	32.9	12.7
	May	871.90	3.9	707.38	2.1	21.57	4.0	20.05	3.4	495.9	7.7	1,778.7	2.1	37.8	1.6	32.7	-0.9
	Jun	876.36	6.1	704.29	1.1	21.77	5.8	19.89	1.8	510.4	9.9	1,784.5	1.3	38.4	1.1	32.4	-1.5
	Jul	880.48	7.5	707.57	1.8	21.94	7.7	19.78	1.9	513.2	4.0	1,774.4	2.3	36.8	1.7	30.6	0.3
	Aug	895.26	8.2	718.92	2.5	22.12	7.4	19.89	2.1	514.4	5.4	1,776.8	2.4	36.7	3.7	29.8	-0.3
	Sep	902.00	6.8	714.92	1.9	22.33	7.3	20.09	1.6	506.7	7.9	1,765.6	1.4	37.6	-2.3	32.6	-0.6
	Oct	889.59	5.3	711.78	1.1	22.22	6.4	20.04	0.6	503.0	5.8	1,780.9	1.6	34.1	-1.7	29.7	0.3
	Nov	886.36	3.1	719.30	1.6	22.25	3.2	20.24	0.0	505.2	6.1	1,792.6	3.4	36.6	-3.2	31.9	-1.2
	Dec	895.24	4.1	720.01	1.6	22.36	4.5	20.37	1.1	490.5	4.1	1,796.8	2.8	37.7	1.9	32.4	0.0
2008	Jan	905.96	5.2	736.64	3.3	22.95	7.2	20.88	2.8	491.0	3.5	1,783.3	2.5	36.2	0.6	32.1	-0.9
	Feb	891.76	2.1	734.99	3.4	22.71	4.3	20.90	3.1	481.2	3.0	1,793.9	2.3	35.6	-5.8	32.1	0.3
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Jan-Feb07		867.37		711.91		21.59		20.30		470.7		1,746.6		36.9		32.2	
Jan-Feb08		898.86		735.82		22.83		20.89		486.1		1,788.6		35.9		32.1	
% Change		3.6		3.4		5.7		2.9		3.3		2.4		-2.7		-0.3	

* Average Actual Hours, Alll Workers, Main Job / Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

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Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

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B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE RATE

	All Goods Producing Industries		Agriculture		Forestry Fishing & Mining		Utilities		Manufacturing		Construction	
	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg
1998	754.02		448.71		899.86		965.38		748.01		728.54	
1999	763.14		518.47		943.23		919.16		756.61		706.60	
2000	764.48	0.2	443.18	-14.5	945.49	0.2	952.59	3.6	750.08	-0.9	737.24	4.3
2001	780.91	2.1	463.69	4.6	974.68	3.1	945.04	-0.8	762.88	1.7	786.23	6.6
2002	787.66	0.9	458.57	-1.1	953.33	-2.2	980.51	3.8	784.68	2.9	778.14	-1.0
2003	809.71	2.8	479.92	4.7	968.26	1.6	1079.10	10.1	807.45	2.9	779.83	0.2
2004	793.81	-2.0	494.54	3.0	1019.25	5.3	998.53	-7.5	791.22	-2.0	784.30	0.6
2005	807.50	1.7	506.64	2.4	1047.49	2.8	1056.01	5.8	803.36	1.5	778.92	-0.7
2006	836.11	3.5	488.52	-3.6	1089.11	4.0	1089.09	3.1	826.97	2.9	823.56	5.7
2007	881.25	5.4	564.12	15.5	1116.85	2.5	1115.35	2.4	857.46	3.7	872.28	5.9
2007 Jan	861.31	3.1	520.61	2.6	1105.10	2.0	1143.37	12.1	821.57	-2.6	865.72	9.4
Feb	873.42	5.4	551.13	9.6	1077.65	-0.4	1327.62	42.2	836.85	1.2	864.41	6.1
Mar	874.10	5.6	556.59	4.7	1095.45	0.8	1257.00	-0.6	838.07	2.3	883.51	9.7
Apr	865.93	5.5	588.80	38.4	1031.82	-4.3	1114.07	-1.4	857.63	4.5	853.94	4.2
May	871.90	3.9	586.02	27.1	1036.89	-3.8	1105.66	-3.8	870.21	5.2	855.85	1.0
Jun	876.36	6.1	547.26	15.0	1079.00	1.0	1197.43	4.9	868.29	6.1	856.10	5.4
Jul	880.48	7.5	586.31	27.9	1124.82	4.2	1111.37	3.2	849.01	2.7	889.49	12.5
Aug	895.26	8.2	562.01	23.6	1128.08	6.4	1123.31	0.8	887.27	6.0	874.28	8.3
Sep	902.00	6.8	571.70	28.4	1228.29	11.0	1108.19	2.8	868.26	3.7	896.20	7.2
Oct	889.59	5.3	583.96	7.5	1189.31	6.0	1026.47	-0.9	853.48	5.4	883.36	4.1
Nov	886.36	3.1	545.70	-2.3	1141.36	3.4	981.91	-11.7	859.73	2.9	881.12	4.8
Dec	895.24	4.1	543.98	2.3	1159.28	5.3	1024.11	-2.7	879.16	6.8	862.74	-0.6
2008 Jan	905.96	5.2	515.24	-1.0	1122.72	1.6	1007.74	-11.9	904.98	10.2	889.53	2.8
Feb	891.76	2.1	628.35	14.0	1194.06	10.8	1059.71	-20.2	857.79	2.5	866.20	0.2
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Jan-Feb07	867.37		535.87		1091.38		1235.50		829.21		865.07	
Jan-Feb08	898.86		571.80		1158.39		1033.73		881.39		877.87	
% Change	3.6		6.7		6.1		-16.3		6.3		1.5	

Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

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3.2B B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE RATE

	All Service Producing Industries		Transport. and Warehousing		Retail and Wholesale Trade		Finance & Related		Selected Breakout of Community & Personal Service								Public Administration		Total All Industries	
									Profess., Scient. & Tech Services		Education		Health and Social Services		Accommod., Food & Bev.					
	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg
1998	584.04		720.07		481.79		631.81		750.34		725.43		614.73		328.88		767.01		621.21	
1999	594.48		733.87		503.61		627.82		776.25		738.95		624.62		318.75		791.92		628.82	
2000	607.09	2.1	730.56	-0.5	489.95	-2.7	677.15	7.9	778.28	0.3	766.76	3.8	635.84	1.8	338.07	6.1	813.88	2.8	639.37	1.7
2001	616.03	1.5	770.96	5.5	488.29	-0.3	682.44	0.8	808.78	3.9	745.10	-2.8	660.53	3.9	344.40	1.9	825.90	1.5	648.19	1.4
2002	638.67	3.7	801.51	4.0	502.66	2.9	732.43	7.3	850.34	5.1	776.52	4.2	688.72	4.3	334.46	-2.9	889.68	7.7	668.04	3.1
2003	651.68	2.0	803.93	0.3	522.83	4.0	728.90	-0.5	859.44	1.1	791.53	1.9	707.75	2.8	350.03	4.7	906.69	1.9	683.68	2.3
2004	658.93	1.1	788.53	-1.9	521.95	-0.2	721.30	-1.0	841.32	-2.1	825.68	4.3	732.99	3.6	362.56	3.6	911.87	0.6	686.74	0.4
2005	678.52	3.0	838.68	6.4	522.12	0.0	732.85	1.6	930.40	10.6	852.02	3.2	727.40	-0.8	385.89	6.4	952.45	4.5	704.49	2.6
2006	698.28	2.9	853.73	1.8	560.93	7.4	767.73	4.8	953.97	2.5	848.00	-0.5	749.46	3.0	375.41	-2.7	990.00	3.9	726.02	3.1
2007	712.93	2.1	873.77	2.3	577.42	2.9	773.66	0.8	973.70	2.1	843.70	-0.5	741.20	-1.1	394.13	5.0	1013.49	2.4	747.84	3.0
2007 Jan	712.85	2.8	851.13	-1.7	585.36	5.8	749.38	-5.0	981.07	8.5	838.91	0.1	771.93	5.0	378.56	43.1	1015.38	5.6	743.37	3.2
Feb	710.97	3.0	857.76	0.8	567.16	0.3	738.92	-1.4	978.13	5.7	824.45	-3.2	766.63	5.3	378.82	43.5	1015.69	3.4	743.33	3.7
Mar	709.98	2.7	858.77	1.4	558.53	-0.3	787.74	3.9	1020.68	12.6	825.77	-1.8	751.79	0.6	378.66	42.5	1036.14	11.2	743.18	3.5
Apr	717.00	2.9	863.23	-0.8	604.33	12.4	761.78	-0.5	981.21	-0.4	823.03	-6.2	738.42	-0.8	394.91	51.3	1033.86	8.4	748.06	3.8
May	707.38	2.1	854.23	-0.6	582.72	5.7	787.21	4.6	934.87	-1.5	833.67	-1.2	727.68	-2.4	391.65	42.6	1029.73	4.3	741.59	2.7
Jun	704.29	1.1	851.65	-2.4	575.91	4.0	781.55	0.0	931.67	-2.6	861.85	1.3	700.94	-5.6	393.19	44.0	1037.43	4.0	740.27	2.4
Jul	707.57	1.8	896.73	5.1	587.82	3.2	748.64	-3.3	955.98	-4.2	872.91	0.6	720.73	-0.3	407.78	54.6	1028.34	8.5	744.19	3.2
Aug	718.92	2.5	900.18	8.6	586.52	3.3	762.65	-4.9	1003.47	3.4	906.42	4.4	739.71	-2.3	427.26	57.7	1017.89	-0.9	756.53	3.9
Sep	714.92	1.9	894.00	9.2	577.03	3.6	777.84	-3.5	983.81	3.1	845.80	2.0	728.18	-5.6	411.82	52.1	985.49	-4.3	754.74	3.4
Oct	711.78	1.1	901.87	7.0	576.03	2.0	784.12	-4.3	944.22	0.2	837.49	1.7	740.23	-3.4	399.72	50.8	972.72	-4.7	748.87	2.2
Nov	719.30	1.6	850.15	-3.1	580.29	2.5	804.81	10.5	955.38	-2.0	846.47	0.2	743.62	-3.5	388.35	48.7	1003.10	-2.0	753.78	1.9
Dec	720.01	1.6	906.16	5.7	548.24	-6.4	794.14	14.9	1017.81	3.6	835.64	-1.3	767.70	0.8	375.29	43.5	989.78	-3.4	755.66	2.2
2008 Jan	736.64	3.3	923.14	8.5	557.35	-4.8	831.60	11.0	1012.60	3.2	871.47	3.9	770.54	-0.2	370.23	-2.2	1018.47	0.3	771.68	3.8
Feb	734.99	3.4	946.82	10.4	586.02	3.3	830.82	12.4	962.82	-1.6	859.58	4.3	763.05	-0.5	351.44	-7.2	1021.94	0.6	766.55	3.1
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Jan-Feb07	711.91		854.45		576.26		744.15		979.60		831.68		769.28		378.69		1015.54		743.35	
Jan-Feb08	735.82		934.98		571.69		831.21		987.71		865.53		766.80		360.84		1020.21		769.12	
% Change	3.4		9.4		-0.8		11.7		0.8		4.1		-0.3		-4.7		0.5		3.5	

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B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE HOURLY WAGE RATE

	All Goods Producing Industries		Agriculture		Forestry Fishing & Mining		Utilities		Manufacturing		Construction	
	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg
1998	18.99		12.04		21.23		25.21		18.94		18.62	
1999	19.20		13.72		21.93		24.16		19.14		18.23	
2000	19.26	0.3	11.38	-17.1	22.71	3.6	24.75	2.4	18.95	-1.0	18.93	3.8
2001	19.60	1.8	11.92	4.7	22.80	0.4	24.76	0.0	19.29	1.8	19.89	5.1
2002	19.91	1.6	11.83	-0.8	22.32	-2.1	25.92	4.7	19.88	3.1	20.02	0.7
2003	20.47	2.8	12.77	7.9	23.20	3.9	28.13	8.5	20.47	3.0	19.91	-0.5
2004	19.94	-2.6	12.61	-1.3	24.00	3.4	25.81	-8.2	20.01	-2.2	19.78	-0.7
2005	20.20	1.3	12.69	0.6	24.19	0.8	27.57	6.8	20.31	1.5	19.57	-1.1
2006	20.87	3.3	12.74	0.4	25.21	4.2	28.00	1.6	20.92	3.0	20.52	4.9
2007	21.92	5.0	14.48	13.7	25.42	0.8	28.91	3.3	21.61	3.3	21.84	6.4
2007 Jan	21.41	2.1	13.22	-1.2	25.34	3.5	29.58	8.0	20.70	-3.4	21.76	9.1
Feb	21.77	4.0	14.39	1.2	24.78	-1.4	34.11	34.7	21.16	0.1	21.63	6.7
Mar	21.65	3.4	14.23	-3.8	25.07	-1.4	31.54	1.9	21.01	0.6	21.99	8.0
Apr	21.54	4.1	14.91	19.5	24.36	-2.6	27.80	-3.8	21.43	2.7	21.43	4.5
May	21.57	4.0	14.63	18.8	24.26	0.2	28.27	-5.4	21.73	4.0	21.23	3.3
Jun	21.77	5.8	13.19	2.3	24.76	-0.5	30.54	3.8	21.84	6.2	21.53	6.6
Jul	21.94	7.7	14.11	23.8	26.16	2.5	28.54	1.7	21.67	4.6	22.01	11.8
Aug	22.12	7.4	13.89	15.6	25.60	2.4	29.08	4.9	22.23	6.0	21.73	7.9
Sep	22.33	7.3	14.41	27.2	26.47	6.2	29.80	11.8	21.95	4.2	22.39	8.3
Oct	22.22	6.4	15.49	21.5	26.17	2.8	26.79	-0.1	21.74	5.9	22.32	6.0
Nov	22.25	3.2	15.99	18.3	26.16	1.0	26.97	-6.3	21.77	2.3	22.09	4.1
Dec	22.36	4.5	16.17	25.1	25.82	-0.8	26.52	-1.6	22.09	6.4	21.95	1.5
2008 Jan	22.95	7.2	14.43	9.2	26.65	5.2	26.84	-9.3	23.02	11.2	22.58	3.8
Feb	22.71	4.3	17.06	18.6	27.27	10.0	27.98	-18.0	22.13	4.6	22.33	3.2
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Jan-Feb07	21.59		13.81		25.06		31.85		20.93		21.70	
Jan-Feb08	22.83		15.75		26.96		27.41		22.58		22.46	
% Change	5.7		14.1		7.6		-13.9		7.9		3.5	

Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

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Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

3.3B B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE HOURLY WAGE RATE

	All Service Producing Industries		Transport. and Warehousing		Retail and Wholesale Trade		Finance & Related		Selected Breakout of Community & Personal Service								Public Administration		Total All Industries	
									Profess., Scient. & Tech Services		Education		Health and Social Services		Accommod., Food & Bev.					
	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg	$	% Chg
1998	16.66		18.67		13.58		17.27		19.63		22.20		18.78		10.42		20.94		17.17	
1999	16.86		19.03		14.09		17.15		20.47		22.02		18.98		10.29		21.56		17.34	
2000	17.23	2.2	18.70	-1.7	13.95	-1.0	18.41	7.3	20.36	-0.5	23.05	4.7	19.29	1.6	10.81	5.1	21.88	1.5	17.64	1.7
2001	17.59	2.1	20.06	7.3	13.96	0.1	18.62	1.1	21.42	5.2	22.71	-1.5	20.17	4.6	10.95	1.3	22.56	3.1	17.98	1.9
2002	18.27	3.9	20.38	1.6	14.45	3.5	19.92	7.0	22.52	5.1	23.66	4.2	21.03	4.3	11.09	1.3	23.93	6.1	18.59	3.4
2003	18.66	2.1	20.43	0.2	14.93	3.3	19.78	-0.7	22.71	0.8	24.27	2.6	21.91	4.2	11.28	1.7	24.40	2.0	19.02	2.3
2004	18.74	0.4	19.95	-2.3	14.94	0.1	19.80	0.1	22.11	-2.6	25.04	3.2	22.04	0.6	11.57	2.6	24.81	1.7	18.99	-0.2
2005	19.15	2.2	21.16	6.1	14.97	0.2	19.89	0.5	24.30	9.9	25.21	0.7	21.87	-0.8	12.00	3.7	25.88	4.3	19.36	1.9
2006	19.67	2.7	21.42	1.2	15.75	5.2	20.78	4.5	25.03	3.0	25.48	1.1	22.40	2.4	11.85	-1.3	26.54	2.6	19.91	2.8
2007	20.11	2.2	21.93	2.4	16.16	2.6	21.01	1.1	25.26	0.9	25.87	1.5	22.50	0.4	12.40	4.6	27.21	2.5	20.49	2.9
2007 Jan	20.32	3.7	21.64	-0.7	16.45	4.4	20.42	-2.6	25.23	6.8	26.68	9.2	23.31	3.7	12.06	0.0	27.34	6.0	20.54	3.4
Feb	20.28	3.7	21.88	3.0	16.18	0.7	20.41	1.3	25.48	5.2	25.59	-0.9	23.24	6.4	12.29	5.3	27.21	3.5	20.57	3.8
Mar	20.10	3.6	21.54	1.3	15.88	0.7	21.07	3.5	26.01	9.4	25.35	2.1	22.95	3.3	11.94	2.0	27.74	9.6	20.41	3.6
Apr	20.30	3.8	21.47	-1.2	16.53	7.8	20.80	1.5	25.31	-1.6	25.85	0.0	22.93	3.7	12.50	8.9	27.70	7.8	20.56	4.0
May	20.05	3.4	21.61	0.4	16.11	5.0	21.16	3.1	24.41	-1.5	25.74	2.4	22.54	2.4	12.43	10.3	27.44	3.9	20.36	3.6
Jun	19.89	1.8	21.42	-1.9	15.87	2.1	21.01	-1.3	24.27	-3.1	25.66	1.2	22.13	0.7	12.44	6.1	27.69	3.1	20.29	2.8
Jul	19.78	1.9	22.30	5.5	16.31	3.8	20.34	-3.1	24.87	-5.6	25.99	3.3	21.97	1.3	12.51	8.2	27.32	6.4	20.24	3.2
Aug	19.89	2.1	22.56	6.7	16.13	1.9	20.72	-3.8	25.93	2.3	26.21	4.1	22.31	-0.4	12.57	9.8	27.09	0.4	20.37	3.3
Sep	20.09	1.6	22.19	7.9	16.20	4.1	21.03	-3.2	25.37	0.8	26.24	4.0	21.92	-4.2	12.61	3.9	26.29	-4.5	20.57	2.9
Oct	20.04	0.6	22.58	7.7	16.12	2.4	21.29	-3.3	24.58	-1.6	25.66	0.1	22.21	-3.6	12.34	0.2	26.50	-2.7	20.49	1.8
Nov	20.24	0.0	21.72	-2.5	16.35	2.4	21.63	7.4	25.33	-1.2	25.36	-5.7	22.26	-3.6	12.43	-0.2	27.31	0.1	20.65	0.6
Dec	20.37	1.1	22.23	3.1	15.85	-3.6	22.06	14.8	26.38	2.3	26.32	1.3	22.26	-3.6	12.68	2.4	26.91	-2.3	20.77	1.9
2008 Jan	20.88	2.8	23.27	7.5	15.87	-3.5	22.67	11.0	25.85	2.5	27.30	2.3	22.60	-3.0	12.86	6.6	27.66	1.2	21.31	3.7
Feb	20.90	3.1	23.96	9.5	16.43	1.5	22.60	10.7	25.28	-0.8	26.55	3.8	23.08	-0.7	12.42	1.1	27.90	2.5	21.27	3.4
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Jan-Feb07	20.30		21.76		16.32		20.42		25.36		26.14		23.28		12.18		27.28		20.56	
Jan-Feb08	20.89		23.62		16.15		22.64		25.57		26.93		22.84		12.64		27.78		21.29	
% Change	2.9		8.5		-1.0		10.9		0.8		3.0		-1.9		3.8		1.9		3.6	

Monthly Percent Changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

Produced by: BC STATS

Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

3.4A **B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - EMPLOYMENT (Actual)**

	All Goods Prod. Industries (incl. Utilities)		Agriculture		Forestry		Fishing and Trapping		Mining		Total Manufacturing		Selected Breakout of Manufacturing						Construction	
													Food and Beverage		Wood		Paper and Allied			
	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg
1998	408.5		33.0		30.2		3.4		17.7		195.9		25.6		43.4		22.7		117.2	
1999	393.8	-3.6	28.1	-14.8	30.0	-0.7	3.8	11.8	14.8	-16.4	191.8	-2.1	21.6	-15.6	42.4	-2.3	22.4	-1.3	114.3	-2.5
2000	406.3	3.2	29.7	5.7	35.5	18.3	4.3	13.2	12.8	-13.5	202.5	5.6	23.4	8.3	45.7	7.8	17.8	-20.5	111.1	-2.8
2001	382.3	-5.9	25.5	-14.1	24.7	-30.4	4.7	9.3	11.3	-11.7	194.9	-3.8	25.6	9.4	48.9	7.0	15.0	-15.7	110.7	-0.4
2002	392.2	2.6	29.0	13.7	25.3	2.4	3.1	-34.0	9.2	-18.6	196.6	0.9	27.0	5.5	43.8	-10.4	17.0	13.3	118.1	6.7
2003	416.4	6.2	32.9	13.4	27.7	9.5	4.6	48.4	13.3	44.6	206.8	5.2	31.7	17.4	49.0	11.9	14.4	-15.3	119.8	1.4
2004	436.9	4.9	36.9	12.2	21.5	-22.4	2.9	-37.0	11.1	-16.5	211.2	2.1	31.4	-0.9	46.9	-4.3	12.0	-16.7	144.0	20.2
2005	452.7	3.6	38.7	4.9	21.6	0.5	2.1	-27.6	13.8	24.3	198.2	-6.2	31.5	0.3	45.8	-2.3	12.3	2.5	168.0	16.7
2006	463.9	2.5	34.7	-10.3	21.7	0.5	2.7	28.6	19.4	40.6	197.5	-0.4	24.4	-22.5	44.8	-2.2	15.1	22.8	179.3	6.7
2007	495.7	6.9	36.2	4.3	24.3	12.0	2.9	7.4	20.0	3.1	205.1	3.8	28.3	16.0	44.7	-0.2	15.2	0.7	196.9	9.8
2007 Jan	474.3	12.5	30.0	3.1	23.1	43.5	1.7	-51.4	24.0	38.7	200.0	8.2	27.7	33.2	35.8	-21.5	14.3	17.2	187.5	15.8
Feb	467.1	5.6	31.4	0.0	20.7	10.1	n.a.	n.a	23.9	55.2	203.3	1.7	25.8	-5.8	37.2	-19.1	15.9	24.2	177.2	7.1
Mar	482.6	6.2	31.8	-8.4	20.2	-0.5	1.9	-26.9	20.0	34.2	215.3	5.6	27.8	14.9	45.1	-10.5	16.7	36.9	185.1	8.4
Apr	485.6	8.0	32.0	-11.1	20.3	28.5	4.0	60.0	18.7	15.4	210.5	6.1	30.1	10.7	41.0	-14.0	16.5	14.6	191.3	9.9
May	495.9	7.7	36.9	0.3	23.7	20.9	3.0	7.1	18.7	2.7	207.4	1.8	28.2	6.8	42.9	-11.7	17.9	-2.7	197.7	15.3
Jun	510.4	9.9	37.8	8.3	27.3	12.3	1.8	-52.6	21.0	19.3	209.7	8.3	25.1	10.1	49.4	18.2	14.5	-18.5	203.5	12.2
Jul	513.2	4.0	41.7	4.5	26.8	7.2	2.2	-21.4	19.8	10.0	212.6	4.5	26.0	20.9	53.3	17.1	16.3	7.2	198.2	1.6
Aug	514.4	5.4	40.6	1.2	25.0	1.2	6.1	64.9	19.7	-5.3	203.4	4.4	25.7	25.4	55.4	21.2	16.4	0.6	208.2	6.9
Sep	506.7	7.9	40.3	11.9	24.0	1.7	3.5	94.4	18.5	-21.6	209.6	9.0	29.6	24.9	54.2	35.2	14.4	-19.1	200.2	9.2
Oct	503.0	5.8	41.9	22.5	26.9	15.5	3.2	33.3	19.7	-19.3	202.9	3.5	31.1	24.4	46.1	16.1	12.3	-15.8	195.7	5.9
Nov	505.2	6.1	35.5	12.0	27.3	5.8	2.6	n.a	16.7	-31.6	202.5	1.5	30.4	23.1	41.3	-4.0	13.8	-9.2	208.1	13.4
Dec	490.5	4.1	35.0	10.8	26.7	14.6	3.1	93.8	19.4	-9.3	183.6	-7.9	32.3	14.1	34.9	-20.9	13.7	0.0	209.5	13.5
2008 Jan	491.0	3.5	37.7	25.7	22.6	-2.2	3.2	88.2	20.2	-15.8	187.3	-6.3	32.8	18.4	29.3	-18.2	19.4	35.7	205.5	9.6
Feb	481.2	3.0	33.9	8.0	22.0	6.3	3.1	n.a	19.9	-16.7	181.6	-10.7	31.6	22.5	29.1	-21.8	15.5	-2.5	206.3	16.4
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Jan-Feb07	470.7		30.7		21.9		n.a.		24.0		201.7		26.8		36.5		15.1		182.4	
Jan-Feb08	486.1		35.8		22.3		3.2		20.1		184.5		32.2		29.2		17.5		205.9	
% Change	3.3		16.6		1.8		n.a.		-16.3		-8.5		20.4		-20.0		15.6		12.9	

Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

Produced by: BC STATS

Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

3.4B B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - EMPLOYMENT (Actual)

	All Service Producing Industries		Transport. and Warehousing		Retail and Wholesale Trade		Finance & Related		Total Comm., & Personal Service		Selected Breakout of Comm. & Pers. Service						Public Administration		Total All Industries	
											Education		Health and Social Services		Accommod. Food & Bev.					
	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg	('000)	% Chg
1998	1,449.9		105.6		289.7		122.3		838.5		118.3		197.4		146.8		93.8		1,858.4	
1999	1,500.5	3.5	115.9	9.8	304.8	5.2	121.0	-1.1	866.3	3.3	127.3	7.6	193.3	-2.1	149.1	1.6	92.5	-1.4	1,894.4	1.9
2000	1,525.0	1.6	116.9	0.9	300.8	-1.3	118.3	-2.2	896.5	3.5	136.6	7.3	201.2	4.1	154.5	3.6	92.4	-0.1	1,931.3	1.9
2001	1,539.3	0.9	112.4	-3.8	303.3	0.8	120.9	2.2	913.1	1.9	138.3	1.2	196.8	-2.2	163.7	6.0	89.5	-3.1	1,921.6	-0.5
2002	1,572.8	2.2	112.9	0.4	324.9	7.1	123.3	2.0	923.6	1.1	139.3	0.7	211.6	7.5	162.5	-0.7	88.1	-1.6	1,965.0	2.3
2003	1,598.3	1.6	119.6	5.9	327.8	0.9	124.5	1.0	933.3	1.1	140.1	0.6	213.3	0.8	159.4	-1.9	93.0	5.6	2,014.7	2.5
2004	1,625.8	1.7	116.5	-2.6	315.8	-3.7	129.2	3.8	967.1	3.6	135.9	-3.0	219.2	2.8	175.3	10.0	97.2	4.5	2,062.7	2.4
2005	1,677.8	3.2	118.7	1.9	334.6	6.0	132.9	2.9	996.5	3.0	146.1	7.5	217.4	-0.8	175.8	0.3	95.1	-2.2	2,130.5	3.3
2006	1,731.6	3.2	119.5	0.7	353.7	5.7	138.0	3.8	1,029.1	3.3	156.0	6.8	232.2	6.8	170.5	-3.0	91.3	-4.0	2,195.5	3.1
2007	1,770.6	2.3	125.6	5.1	365.0	3.2	145.0	5.1	1,039.1	1.0	156.1	0.1	239.7	3.2	172.7	1.3	95.9	5.0	2,266.3	3.2
2007 Jan	1,739.1	2.2	119.4	-2.1	350.8	0.1	137.6	7.5	1,036.7	3.1	161.8	1.4	233.9	11.1	173.8	1.6	94.7	0.1	2,213.4	4.3
Feb	1,754.1	3.2	130.5	4.1	354.4	-0.3	139.9	8.1	1,041.2	4.3	169.8	5.1	243.2	14.1	167.0	-1.1	88.1	-2.8	2,221.2	3.7
Mar	1,763.2	3.1	124.5	1.1	356.0	-0.7	149.2	12.4	1,041.9	3.8	169.3	6.5	248.5	10.8	168.5	5.8	91.6	-1.3	2,245.8	3.7
Apr	1,740.3	1.2	120.9	0.8	346.9	-3.8	145.2	12.1	1,034.0	1.6	163.4	3.4	241.6	7.8	164.9	-0.9	93.4	2.2	2,225.9	2.6
May	1,778.7	2.1	127.1	4.0	365.7	0.8	149.4	12.9	1,042.5	1.1	163.4	4.8	234.4	-1.2	169.1	0.4	94.1	1.2	2,274.6	3.3
Jun	1,784.5	1.3	128.1	2.4	365.7	-0.1	148.0	8.5	1,045.3	0.0	155.8	-2.3	242.0	-0.7	178.8	4.0	97.5	10.2	2,294.9	3.1
Jul	1,774.4	2.3	130.8	11.5	377.0	9.1	150.0	5.9	1,017.3	-1.6	121.4	-11.8	239.1	-2.6	176.3	0.9	99.3	3.5	2,287.6	2.7
Aug	1,776.8	2.4	126.2	6.9	377.3	9.6	149.2	2.8	1,026.4	-1.4	119.1	-8.9	235.3	-2.8	191.6	7.9	97.7	12.8	2,291.3	3.1
Sep	1,765.6	1.4	122.9	4.0	364.0	4.2	143.8	1.9	1,038.4	-0.7	159.0	1.3	236.5	-0.7	172.5	0.2	96.7	11.7	2,272.4	2.8
Oct	1,780.9	1.6	120.5	6.0	374.2	8.1	142.6	-0.6	1,046.5	-1.2	160.5	-0.5	243.7	2.0	171.4	-1.8	97.0	6.6	2,283.9	2.5
Nov	1,792.6	3.4	125.8	10.8	378.0	6.7	142.7	-4.1	1,048.9	2.6	163.7	0.1	241.9	5.6	169.7	-0.2	97.2	3.0	2,297.8	4.0
Dec	1,796.8	2.8	131.2	13.7	370.4	5.6	141.9	-3.9	1,050.1	0.5	166.5	-1.5	235.9	-1.4	168.5	-1.4	103.3	15.2	2,287.3	3.1
2008 Jan	1,783.3	2.5	126.5	5.9	349.1	-0.5	145.1	5.5	1,068.7	3.1	175.2	8.3	246.3	5.3	164.5	-5.4	94.0	-0.7	2,274.3	2.8
Feb	1,793.9	2.3	128.4	-1.6	355.7	0.4	147.9	5.7	1,062.8	2.1	165.9	-2.3	240.9	-0.9	173.5	3.9	99.2	12.6	2,275.1	2.4
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Jan-Feb07	1,746.6		125.0		352.6		138.8		1,039.0		165.8		238.6		170.4		91.4		2,217.3	
Jan-Feb08	1,788.6		127.5		352.4		146.5		1,065.8		170.6		243.6		169.0		96.6		2,274.7	
% Change	2.4		2.0		-0.1		5.6		2.6		2.9		2.1		-0.8		5.7		2.6	

Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

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Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

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B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS WORKED*

	All Goods Producing Industries		Agriculture		Forestry, Fishing & Mining		Utilities		Manufacturing		Construction	
	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg
1998	36.0		38.3		38.8		34.2		35.8		34.7	
1999	36.2	0.6	37.5	-2.1	39.0	0.5	33.0	-3.5	36.7	2.5	34.1	-1.7
2000	36.9	1.9	37.7	0.5	37.3	-4.4	35.6	7.9	37.5	2.2	35.4	3.8
2001	36.3	-1.6	38.6	2.4	37.6	0.8	34.4	-3.4	36.3	-3.2	35.3	-0.3
2002	35.8	-1.4	36.3	-6.0	37.8	0.5	33.4	-2.9	36.0	-0.8	35.0	-0.8
2003	35.6	-0.6	36.4	0.3	37.9	0.3	34.4	3.0	35.6	-1.1	34.6	-1.1
2004	36.3	2.0	36.9	1.4	39.3	3.7	31.8	-7.6	36.0	1.1	36.2	4.6
2005	36.7	1.1	37.1	0.5	40.6	3.3	35.8	12.6	36.5	1.4	36.2	0.0
2006	36.5	-0.5	35.5	-4.3	40.2	-1.0	36.7	2.5	36.3	-0.5	35.9	-0.8
2007	37.0	1.4	36.4	2.5	40.5	0.7	35.5	-3.3	36.6	0.8	36.8	2.5
2007 Jan	36.0	-3.0	31.4	-0.6	44.0	4.8	38.1	11.4	36.6	-2.7	34.1	-6.8
Feb	37.8	3.6	31.3	3.3	47.9	26.7	41.4	15.3	38.1	3.3	35.7	-3.0
Mar	37.0	1.1	33.5	15.1	45.0	14.2	34.0	-22.6	36.6	-1.1	36.5	-0.3
Apr	37.9	16.3	37.3	15.1	36.7	-4.9	42.8	24.8	38.5	18.5	37.4	18.7
May	37.8	1.6	41.0	12.9	38.5	-1.3	37.6	2.2	37.4	1.9	37.4	0.0
Jun	38.4	1.1	38.7	4.6	42.2	3.4	41.5	1.5	37.3	-1.8	38.5	2.9
Jul	36.8	1.7	39.5	3.4	40.7	9.4	33.0	2.2	35.5	-3.0	36.9	4.2
Aug	36.7	3.7	40.2	12.3	35.8	-11.6	33.4	3.4	35.9	3.2	37.3	7.2
Sep	37.6	-2.3	36.8	-6.4	36.2	-16.6	33.7	-11.3	37.0	-2.4	38.8	2.9
Oct	34.1	-1.7	37.5	-11.8	38.6	-1.0	27.9	-14.7	32.7	-2.7	34.2	2.1
Nov	36.6	-3.2	30.1	-22.0	39.5	-5.7	28.4	-29.7	36.4	-1.9	37.8	1.6
Dec	37.7	1.9	35.3	6.6	41.8	-1.4	38.9	1.3	37.5	1.6	37.2	2.2
2008 Jan	36.2	0.6	34.4	9.6	38.0	-13.6	35.0	-8.1	36.7	0.3	35.8	5.0
Feb	35.6	-5.8	36.0	15.0	41.8	-12.7	32.7	-21.0	35.7	-6.3	34.4	-3.6
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Jan-Feb07	36.9		31.4		46.0		39.8		37.4		34.9	
Jan-Feb08	35.9		35.2		39.9		33.9		36.2		35.1	
% Change	-2.7		12.3		-13.2		-14.8		-3.1		0.6	

* Average Actual Hours, AIII Workers, Main Job / Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

Produced by: BC STATS

Source: Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey

3.5B B.C. INDUSTRIAL COMPARISON - AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS WORKED*

	All Service Producing Industries		Transport. and Warehousing		Trade		Finance & Related		Selected Breakout of Community & Personal Service: Profess., Scient. & Tech Services		Education		Health and Social Services		Accommod., Food & Bev.		Public Administration		Total All Industries	
	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg	Hrs	% Chg
1998	31.5		35.6		31.9		33.6		34.5		27.9		28.6		30.4		32.8		32.5	
1999	31.5	0.0	35.2	-1.1	31.8	-0.3	33.1	-1.5	35.1	1.7	27.9	0.0	29.5	3.1	29.8	-2.0	32.9	0.3	32.5	0.0
2000	32.3	2.5	36.9	4.8	32.0	0.6	33.9	2.4	35.5	1.1	29.7	6.5	30.6	3.7	29.6	-0.7	34.2	4.0	33.2	2.2
2001	31.2	-3.4	35.3	-4.3	31.2	-2.5	32.9	-2.9	33.8	-4.8	28.7	-3.4	28.9	-5.6	29.8	0.7	31.7	-7.3	32.2	-3.0
2002	31.0	-0.6	34.8	-1.4	31.1	-0.3	33.3	1.2	34.0	0.6	29.0	1.0	29.1	0.7	28.0	-6.0	33.3	5.0	32.0	-0.6
2003	30.8	-0.6	35.8	2.9	30.8	-1.0	32.2	-3.3	34.2	0.6	28.1	-3.1	28.0	-3.8	29.0	3.6	32.2	-3.3	31.8	-0.6
2004	31.2	1.3	36.5	2.0	31.1	1.0	32.2	0.0	35.3	3.2	26.8	-4.6	29.1	3.9	29.3	1.0	32.3	0.3	32.3	1.6
2005	31.5	1.0	36.5	0.0	31.1	0.0	32.9	2.2	35.1	-0.6	28.4	6.0	29.9	2.7	29.4	0.3	32.5	0.6	32.6	0.9
2006	31.5	0.0	37.0	1.4	31.4	1.0	32.1	-2.4	34.4	-2.0	28.0	-1.4	30.0	0.3	29.2	-0.7	32.8	0.9	32.5	-0.3
2007	31.8	1.0	37.2	0.5	32.1	2.2	32.7	1.9	34.9	1.5	28.5	1.8	29.1	-3.0	28.9	-1.0	32.8	0.0	32.9	1.2
2007 Jan	32.4	-1.8	38.0	0.8	32.5	-0.6	34.4	-1.4	35.4	-6.3	31.2	-6.9	30.4	0.0	28.9	1.8	34.6	-2.0	33.2	-1.8
Feb	32.0	-1.2	36.0	-4.3	31.5	1.0	34.1	2.1	36.8	-0.3	30.0	-5.7	30.4	-3.5	28.4	4.4	35.2	0.3	33.2	0.0
Mar	31.9	6.3	38.0	5.6	32.0	4.2	32.8	0.3	36.3	5.5	27.9	50.0	29.9	7.2	29.2	4.3	32.9	3.8	33.0	5.1
Apr	32.9	12.7	37.6	9.6	33.7	15.8	32.9	11.1	36.0	16.9	30.5	7.0	29.2	9.4	29.9	8.7	36.0	22.9	34.0	13.7
May	32.7	-0.9	36.7	-1.6	34.0	4.9	33.0	0.0	35.6	-0.3	30.7	-3.5	29.9	-1.6	29.0	-0.7	34.9	-4.4	33.8	0.0
Jun	32.4	-1.5	36.4	-5.7	32.9	4.1	33.1	0.3	34.7	-1.7	32.6	-1.5	29.3	-5.5	29.5	-3.3	34.4	-0.3	33.8	-0.3
Jul	30.6	0.3	36.7	-3.7	31.7	0.6	31.8	10.0	34.3	1.2	18.7	7.5	27.1	-7.8	29.3	-4.2	31.1	-1.0	32.0	0.6
Aug	29.8	-0.3	37.0	-0.3	31.9	3.2	31.4	2.3	32.0	-3.9	14.5	-13.7	25.8	-8.5	29.4	-1.7	28.7	-2.0	31.3	0.6
Sep	32.6	-0.6	38.7	5.4	31.1	-4.9	33.7	0.9	36.1	0.6	30.8	-3.8	29.7	-7.2	30.4	2.4	31.2	-7.4	33.7	-0.9
Oct	29.7	0.3	34.7	0.9	30.3	0.0	30.6	4.4	31.7	-0.3	27.1	2.3	26.9	-5.6	29.0	0.0	28.1	-1.4	30.7	0.0
Nov	31.9	-1.2	38.0	0.5	31.2	-1.3	32.1	-3.6	34.3	2.1	31.0	-1.0	29.1	-10.7	27.3	-6.2	32.9	-4.6	32.9	-1.8
Dec	32.4	0.0	38.4	0.3	32.0	-0.6	32.4	-3.9	35.8	5.9	30.1	-3.2	31.2	-0.6	26.5	-13.7	33.6	0.6	33.5	0.3
2008 Jan	32.1	-0.9	36.8	-3.2	31.2	-4.0	35.2	2.3	34.4	-2.8	30.9	-1.0	31.1	2.3	26.0	-10.0	35.0	1.2	33.0	-0.6
Feb	32.1	0.3	36.3	0.8	31.9	1.3	33.7	-1.2	34.9	-5.2	31.6	5.3	29.9	-1.6	26.6	-6.3	34.0	-3.4	32.9	-0.9
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Jan-Feb07	32.2		37.0		32.0		34.3		36.1		30.6		30.4		28.7		34.9		33.2	
Jan-Feb08	32.1		36.6		31.6		34.5		34.7		31.3		30.5		26.3		34.5		33.0	
% Change	-0.3		-1.2		-1.4		0.6		-4.0		2.1		0.3		-8.2		-1.1		-0.8	

* Average Actual Hours, AIII Workers, Main Job / Monthly percent changes are calculated as month over same month previous year

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B.C. EARNINGS AND EMPLOYMENT TRENDS

This is a monthly report designed to assist analysts monitoring changes in inter-provincial and inter-industrial earnings and employment levels. The report provides figures on persons employed and actual dollars earned. Primary emphasis, however, is placed on the 'percentage change' data to help highlight recent trends and/or structural shifts. Questions or comments should be directed to Karen Kirby at (250) 356-7870 or Karen.Kirby@gov.bc.ca

Definitions and Explanatory Notes

Average Hourly Wage Rate & Average Weekly Wage Rate

Beginning January 1997, information is collected on the usual wages or salary of employees at their main job. Respondents are asked to report their wage/salary before taxes and other deductions, and include tips, commissions and bonuses.

Average Weekly Hours Worked

Average actual number of hours worked per week, main job, is calculated by dividing total hours by the total number of employed persons. When a respondent holds more than one job or business, the job or business involving the greatest number of usual hours worked is considered to be the main job.

Real (after inflation) Average Weekly Wage Rate

Average weekly wage rates, as defined above, minus the rate of inflation as measured by the applicable Vancouver, Canada, or U.S. consumer price index.

Employment (derived from Labour Force Survey, Cat No. 71-001) (Actual)

All persons during the reference week who either a) did any work for pay or profit, or b) had a job but were absent because of illness, weather, vacation, labour disputes, or personal or family responsibility. United States trends are calculated from civilian employment seasonally adjusted data published by the U.S. Deptartment of Commerce.

Employment by Industry

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